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News Highlights, June 22-28

New Bern Sun Journal

Budget restores some funding, jobs for Tryon Palace

The \$20.2 billion North Carolina General Assembly restored some of Tryon Palace's threatened biennial budget cuts but still leaves it short of money to save all the complex jobs. The 2012-2013 budget passed and now in the technical corrections phase, \$500,000 was restored for the Palace complex which took a \$996,067 cut in the current fiscal year. Read more [here](#).

News and Observer

Raleigh and Rocky Mount to split \$1 million

PNC Bank, in its first major philanthropic effort in North Carolina, on Tuesday announced a \$1 million grant for Raleigh and Rocky Mount, and indicated that there would be more coming... In Raleigh, the grant will pay for a two-year arts initiative for 500 economically disadvantaged pre-kindergarten students in 22 classrooms in Wake County public schools... The Carolina Ballet and the North Carolina Museum of Art are collaborating on the design of the curriculum. Read more [here](#).

Richmond County Daily Journal

NC Symphony celebrates Independence Day in Fayetteville July 1

The North Carolina Symphony celebrates the nation's 236th birthday with a concert of patriotic favorites and high-spirited classics. The orchestra performs its traditional free "Independence Day" concert with fireworks at Fayetteville's Festival Park on Sunday, July 1, at 8 p.m. The performance marks just the second time Music Director Grant Llewellyn conducts the symphony's Independence Day performance in Fayetteville. Read more [here](#).

OnSITE Travel Blog – Gary Nickerson

Chasing Blackbeard in North Carolina

I grew up watching pirate movies ... But when I left Atlanta in April for a week-long vacation to North Carolina's coast, pirates weren't even on my mind. I was thinking about beaches, sun, and all of the great food I would eat along the way. For me, food is always the star no matter where I travel. Read more [here](#).

History.com

Wreck of Civil War Gunboat Gets a New Home

Scuttled by its crew in March 1865, the Confederate ironclad CSS Neuse spent nearly a century crumbling in its namesake river, occasionally serving as a makeshift dock for swimmers. In 1963 local businessmen pulled the warship's remains out of the water, and since then the Neuse has rested outdoors in Kinston, North Carolina, where workers fitted it out for battle at the height of

the Civil War. On Saturday, after a turbulent 150 years spent waiting for either battle or salvage, the one-of-a-kind gunboat was delivered to a new facility. Read more [here](#). See photos of the move [here](#).

Southeast Discovery.com

[North Carolina's First Great Public History Project: Tryon Palace](#)

Time travel... it's the stuff of science-fiction. Everyone knows it's impossible to go back, say, 200 years - and not just see it, but live it. Well, perhaps not... Caryl Rivers, professor of journalism at Boston University, disagrees. In 2011, she wrote in a Huffington Post blog that, "A few weeks ago, I had an experience...I went back into the past - to 1835, to be exact, to experience life in a small town in North Carolina in that year." That small town is New Bern, N.C., home of Tryon Palace - which is home to the N.C. History Center. Read more [here](#).

Garner News

[Get caught reading this summer](#)

Wake County Public Libraries invites residents to participate in summer reading activities at all library locations. "Dream Big: Read" is the state wide reading program for young children being sponsored in collaboration with the State Library of North Carolina... Teen readers are encouraged to participate in the program designed for them, "Own the Night"... Children do not have all the fun as verified by the summer reading program for Adults, "Between the Covers." Read more [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

[Marker Will Commemorate 1961 Nuclear Near-Miss In Rural Wayne County](#)

A nuclear near-catastrophe is the subject of a new N.C. Highway Historical marker. The latest marker in the popular program will be dedicated on Friday, June 29, in at the intersection of Main Street and Faro Road in Eureka, N.C., at 11 a.m. In January 1961, a plane carrying nuclear weapons crashed in rural Wayne County at the height of the Cold War. ... Many historians believe this was one of the closest near-disasters related to the Cold War, having gone through all the steps to detonate, save one. Read more [here](#).

Daily Advance

[Melissa Kobiela: A history of fashion](#)

Melissa Kobiela takes a mini tour through the Museum of the Albemarle's galleries highlighting women's fashion on display, its use, and history. Read more [here](#).

News 14 Carolina

[Legacy of Miss NC celebrated with guest exhibit at NC Museum of History](#)

The Miss North Carolina scholarship pageant is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Take a stroll down memory lane at a guest exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of History. See a video [here](#).

WCTI

[Record Turnout For Take A Kid Fishing](#)

More than 11 hundred kids took part in Take a Kid Fishing this year. Program Director Teresa Holcombe told news Channel 12 what the day is all about. "To learn about fishing, conservation, and have an opportunity to spend a great day with a mentor who may make an impression on them for their life." ... When the kids weren't out on the water making their own history, they

were at the North Carolina Maritime Museum learning about historical figures like Blackbeard.
Read more [here](#).